(c) Yes Sir. A number of Conferences were held nothing new has been brought to Govt's notice in terms of preventive measures.

(d) At present there are 146 Eye Banks functioning in the country. The information regardig stock of eyes, donated to these Eye Bans during 1991-92, is not available.

(e) The Government's ultimate goal for control of blindness is to reduce the prevalence rate of blindness to 0.3 per cent by 2000 A.D.

NPA to Government Doctors

3088. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 221 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are paying Non-Practising Allowance (NPA) to the Government Doctors; and

(b) if so, what action Government are taking against those Doctors indulging in Private Practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some complaints were received against the Registrar-cum-Secretary, Central Council of Homoeopathy and certain officers of Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy. In this regard, a reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 221 was given on July 16, 1991. As regards the complaint against the Principal, Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College, New Delhi, doing private practice, the same has been got investigated by the Delhi Administration and the officer has been charge sheeted. Further action is being taken by the Delhi Administration, as per rules.

Inferior quality of imported condoms

3089. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to stop the import of condoms;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that imported condoms have been found to be of inferior quality and health authorities have no control over the imported products in packages with objectional photographs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) At present the indigenous production capacity is more than sufficient to meet the requirement of the country and strict quality control is exercised on indigenously maufactured condom. Valuable foreign exchange can be saved if condomns are not imported.

(c) The Imports and Exports Policy 1990-91 allows the import of coloured condoms under Open General Licence (OGL). Drugs Controller (India), while approving the import of coloured condoms calls for specimen samples along with catch covers and a Free Sale Certificate of the Ministry of Health of the exporting country. Drugs Controller (India) has not approved any import of coloured condoms packed in objectionable photographs. The Government of India have notified the Central Indian Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad as statutory Labs-

ratory for testing of condoms, as per the standards laid down under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules. Samples of imported consignment of coloured condoms are subjected to test at C.I.P.L., Ghaziabad prior to release.

Procurement of medicines

3090. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HEAITH AND FAMILY WELFRE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of medicines/drugs and quantity in terms of price that have been procured for different Government/civil Hospitals during the last three years from private manufacturers although the same are being manufactured by the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited and its subsidiaries;

(b) the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to procure those medicines from I.D.P.L.; and

(c) the details of medicines for which orders have been placed with I.D.P.L. but the same were being procured during last three years period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) The medicines which are exclusively specified for being purchased from Public Sector Undertaking, including I.D.P.L., are purchased from them by the Medical Store Organisation which Supplies medicines to Government Hospitals. Other medicines are purchased by the Medical Store Organisation on competitive basis.

Indian system of medicine

3091. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements made so far to develop under-graduate and post-graduate educational facilities of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy in the country with the number of such institutions, State-wise and their names in Orissa; and

(b) the details of activities undertaken/proposed to be undertaken for promotion, research, standardisation of drugs and production of Indian System of Medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) In order to promote proper development of education of Indian Systems of Medicine in the country, the Government of India constituted the Central Council of Indian Medicine under IMCC Act, 1970. The Central Council is responsible for laying down the educational standards in Indian Systems of Medicine i.e. Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani. The Central Council has prescribed the Regulations (Curriculum and Syllabus pertaining to Under-graduate and Post-graduate education in Indian Systems of Medicine with the previous sanction of Government of India and notified in the Gazette of India under Section 36 of IMCC Act, 1970 to be followed by all colleges of ISM in the country. All colleges of ISM have adopted these Regulations through their affiliating Universities. It has helped in the promotion of education of Ayurveda.

Similarly, the Central Council of Homoeopathy (CCH) has been constituted under the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973. CCH has prescribed regulations pertaining to undergraduate and postgraduate education in Homoeopathy. Statewise number of institutions of Indian systems of medicine and Homoeopathy is given in the statement enclosed. (*See below*) The following Ayurvedic/Homoeopathic Colleges are functioning in the State of Orissa: